

limitations. The Governor, I believe, cannot run unless he reaches the age of 30. Members of the Legislature cannot run until they reach the age of 21. We have many laws on the books also on marriage, on drinking. We have age limitations on sex crimes. And I think having an age limitation on whether or not a person can run for office, and all we are saying is that they have to be at least a registered voter, I should also think that Senator Chambers would want to remove the age limit for registering to vote and then I could get all my grandchildren and many relatives I have under the age of 18 that could register to vote. I think that if they are...if we set a limit on voting or on registering to vote, we have laws on drinking, marriage, sex crimes, whatever, and these are some of the offices that we now say you have to be of a certain age before you can run. And if the state...the Governor of the State of Nebraska, the Lieutenant Governor, have to be 30; state legislators, 21; Public Service Commission, 30; we also say that educational service units, they have to be the age of 18; the Natural Resource Districts, 18; Nebraska Public Power have to be at least 18; Norris Public Power District, 18, the Lancaster County Commissioners have to be at least 18. In a primary class city the mayor has to be at least 18; the city council, the airport authority, the Lincoln School Board. And I am surprised that Senator Chambers in the past hasn't removed all age limitations for all offices because he feels very strongly about anyone under the age of 18 running for an office. I will say again, and I agree with Senator Chambers that many of our young people under the age of 18 are certainly qualified to run for a political office under the age of 18, but there are many of them, and I mention my granddaughter who I believe could hold any office at the age of 12. But there are many others that are not qualified. They are not matured enough before they are registered to vote to run for a public office and you and I both know that many times people will go to the polls and will put an X by a name because it is a name that they are familiar with or it is a name that is part of their nationality and will vote for a person they don't know and don't even know that that particular person is under the age of 18. And I really think it is a serious situation. If we have limitations on other offices, we can at least bring most of them down to registered voter, which at the present time is the age of 18. I urge you to reject Senator